

ROUND 3 INTERVIEW
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FRED COUPLES (-13)

Q. You birdie 17 to put yourself in position and then 18 happens. How do you juxtapose the two holes?

FRED COUPLES: Well, 17 I hit a good shot. 18, I've been there before, I don't mind driving it over there. Then I chose to be long coming back this way. I knew I wasn't going to get it close and it just came out hot and rolled through the green. I thought I was putting and then chipped it strong and pushed the putt and that was it.

Q. What did you expect -- what were you seeing as you saw that leaderboard? There was a lot more movement I thought today than maybe we anticipated.

FRED COUPLES: Yeah, there were a lot of people, maybe four, five guys. Just couldn't make a bogey. I didn't make any until the last hole. You can't -- you're playing with two guys I'm playing with, they birdie and you bogey it, you know, you're in dire need.

And Jerry played very well and Furyk bounced up there a little bit, but Miguel was leading the whole way and there were a couple putts that didn't go in. He did make a couple of the nice par putts.

But there was a stretch of holes, I had 80 yards, 110 and 80 and I chipped for birdie, had a 40-footer for birdie and a 30-footer for birdie straight downhill. You know, I needed to hit it a little better through there. But overall I hit the ball well, I drove it really well and I putted pretty well. I mean, the greens were brutal. I shot 68? You know, the 18th hole, I guess as they turned around, I had 155 to the hole up the hill and I hit a 9-iron, but I got it going a little too hard. I did it the first day, too. I hit it on the back edge and the pin was back left. I just thought coming back this way would be much easier. I just hit it too hard.

Q. And finally, you're hitting a pretty important stretch of the calendar here with some majors coming up and you're playing well, right?

FRED COUPLES: Yeah, I'm going to go to the Bridgestone, for sure. The U.S. Open, I don't know, I'm not really sure yet, but Bridgestone, I'm going. And that's all I've got for you. And Seattle, for sure. I am going to Bridgestone.

Q. But positives from the week overall?

FRED COUPLES: Yeah, for sure. I hit the ball very well.